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Thanks for your quick response!

The reason the uses are currently structured the way they are is that we would like the Aquatic Life and Fish use (supports conditions for a balanced aquatic community) to apply to all waters whereas only certain waters have the Cold Water Fishery use (supports or has potential to support the existence of cold water fishery communities and/or spawning areas) and the Cool Water Fishery use (supports....cool water fishery communities...). Some waters currently only have the Aquatic Life and Fish use and are not classified as Cold or Cool Waters (and we don't have warm water fisheries).

I think it makes sense to move the Cold Water Fishery and Cool Water Fishery uses under the AL&F use. If this was done, do you have any recommendations for maintaining the application of the general AL&F use (supports conditions for balanced aquatic community) to all waters?

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue. Thanks,
Naomi

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Good afternoon!

You are correct, the reason I raised the comment is because typically cold water fishery designations are a subcategory or class under aquatic life use designations. My concern is that the two separate classifications are a potential source of confusion for users of the

WQS, however the ultimate goal of the WQS, in addition to satisfying the requirements of the CWA, is to be useful to the Tribe. Could you help me understand why the Tribe wants to structure the uses this way?

Thanks!

Dave

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Hi David,

I am working on revising our draft water quality standards package. I had a question regarding a comment that you provided to the Tribe.

On p.12 comment [DP27], you stated that our designated uses of Cold Water Fishery and Cool Water seem like they are all aquatic life and fish. We do have a separate designated use for Aquatic Life and Fish, and in the current version of our draft WQS, the Cold Water Fishery and Cool Water Fishery designated uses are not sub-categories of the Aquatic Life and Fish. I know in federally-approved WQS, it's typical to have sub-categories of the Aquatic Life and Fish designated use. Will our Cold Water Fishery and Cool Water Fishery designated uses be required to be sub-categories of the Aquatic Life and Fish or can they be their own designated use categories?

Thanks,
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